



**NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE
GOVERNING BODY OF
COLUMBUS, TEXAS**

Notice is hereby given that a regular meeting of the governing body of the City of Columbus, Texas will be held on

Thursday, September 25, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

in the Council Chambers on the second floor at City Hall, 605 Spring Street, Columbus, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to wit:

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation.
3. Consent Agenda:
 - a. Approval of invoices.
 - b. Approval of Minutes of September 11, 2008 Regular Meeting.
 - c. Approval of Minutes of September 18, 2008 Special Meeting.
 - d. Approval of August Financial Statements.
4. Citizen's Presentations and Comments.¹
5. Discussion of City Manager's Report including Water Project, Water Line Repairs, River Status, Water Pumpage History, Sales Tax Results, Accounts Receivable Clean-up, Tree Trimming and Removal, Veterans' Drive, Muni Gas, Lutheran Hill Drainage.
6. Public Hearing: Consideration and Approval of the City's Budget for all Operating Funds for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008.
7. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance #85-08 Adopting the City's Budget for all Operating Funds for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2008.
8. Consideration and Action to Ratify Budgeted Property Tax Increase reflected in the Proposed 2008-2009 Budget.
9. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance #86-08 to Establish the Property Tax Rate
10. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance # 87-08 to increase the Hotel Occupancy Tax from 6% to 7%.
11. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance # 88-08 to Establish Water Rates.
12. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance # 89-08 to Establish Sewer Rates.
13. Consideration and Action to Approve Ordinance # 90-08 to Establish Gas Rates.
14. Consideration, Deliberation and Action to contract for Public Services between the City and The Family Crisis Center.
15. Consideration, Deliberation and Action to Contract for Public Services between the City and The Combined Community Action, Inc.

18. Consideration and Action to Approve Library Budget Amendment.
19. Discussion of August Police Report.
20. City Manager Review.
21. Items from Councilmembers.²
22. Announcements.
23. Adjournment.

"The City Council for the City of Columbus reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), 551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices) and 551.086 (Economic Development)."

I, the undersigned authority, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of the governing body of the City of Columbus, Texas is a true and correct copy of said Notice and that I posted a copy of said Notice on the second glass door of the City Hall entrance and drive-up window by September 22, 2008 or before 6:30 p.m., places convenient and readily accessible to the general public at all times; to remain so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said Meeting.

DATED THIS 22nd Day of September, 2008

COLUMBUS, TEXAS

BY: 
David Meisell, City Manager

Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Please contact City Secretary Patti Glaeser 979.732.2366 or fax 979.732.8213 for additional information.

¹During this agenda item, citizens may comment for the record on items which are not on the agenda. However, the Council may not participate in discussion or deliberation on any item that is not on the agenda. Citizens may request that a topic be added to a future agenda.

Citizens who wish to comment on a posted agenda item may do so when that item is addressed by the Mayor. Citizen's comments are limited to five minutes.

²Limited to statements. Issues raised by councilmembers under this item cannot be deliberated by Council. The Open Meetings Act does not allow Council to deliberate items that don't appear on the agenda.